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1. OIL COMPANIES WITH EXCEPTION SUMMIT REPORT POL SHIPMENTS
LAOS MOVING WITH NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF
DOCUMENTATION PROCEDURES. THEY EXPECT POL SHIPMENTS
KHMER REPUBLIC GET UNDERWAY FEB 4. ESSO REPORTS IT ALREADY
FILED ADVANCE REQUEST WITH OIL COMMITTEE FOR
APPROVAL OF POL ALLOCATION FOR PERIOD FEB 15- MAR 1;
OTHER COMPANIES EXPECTED FOLLOWSUIT TO INSURE TIMELY
RECEIPT RTG APPROVALS FUTURE SHIPMENTS.

2. RTG OIL COMMITTEE OFFICIAL STATES COMMITTEE APPROVAL
SUMMIT APPLICATION FOR 15 DAY EXPORTS TO LAOS AND CAMBODIA
EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED FEB 4. COMPLETION OF SUBSEQUENT
RTG APPROVAL OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR EXPORTS BY
SUMMIT POSSIBLE BY FEB 6 IF COMPANY ACTS PROMPTLY.
HOWEVER, DURING AMBASSADOR'S LUNCHEON MEETING FEB 4 WITH
OIL COMPANY EXECUTIVES, C.J. HUANG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

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OF SUMMIT, TOOK OCCASION TO REITERATE DISSATISFACTION

WITH HIS USG SUPPLY
CONTRACT FOR LAOS BECAUSE IT CAUSING
SEVERE LOSSES ON EVERY BARREL DELIVERED. STATED THAT
HE HAD BEEN ABLE RE-NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS WITH CIVILIAN
CUSTOMERS WHO HAD RECOGNIZED VALIDITY OF FORCE MAJEURE
AGREEMENT. INDICATED HE WAS IN NO HURRY TO DELIVER UNDER
WHAT HE REGARDED AS CONTRACT MADE GROSSLY UNFAIR BY EVENTS
BEYOND HIS CONTROL.

3. EMBASSY CONTINUING DAILY MONITORING POL EXPORT PROCESS
FOR LAOS AND KHMER REPUBLIC. DIRECT APPEAL MADE TO
GOVERNOR BANK OF THAILAND FEB 1. TO EXPEDITE RTG CLEARANCES
FOR POL WAITING IN NONG KHAI. NEITHER RTG OFFICIALS NOR
OIL COMPANIES HAD BEEN AWARE BANK'S ROLE IN CLEARANCE
PROCESS FOR POL SHIPMENTS WHERE PAYMENTS MADE VIA OFFSETTING
BALANCES. BELIEVE PROCEDURES NOW ESTABLISHED ARE FULLY UNDERSTOOD
AND WILL CONTINUE FUNCTIONING SATISFACTORILY. HOWEVER, EMBASSY
NOT IN POSITION TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE BY SUMMIT UNDER USG
CONTRACTS.
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